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In re application of:

Richard J. Gregory et al.

Application No.: 09/958,570

Filed: October 28, 1997

For: RECOMBINANT ADENOVIRAL
VECTOR AND METHODS OF USE

Examiner: D. Guzo

Art Unit: 1636

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 19, 2000 for 5 months, from July 19, 2000 to December 19, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$1,890.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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